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SUBJECT: MEDICAL EDUCATION

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1. AMBASSADOR IN REFTEL ACCURATELY SUMMARIZED PROBLEM OF FOREIGN ADMISSIONS INTO US MEDICAL SCHOOLS: INTENSE COMPETITION AMONG HIGHLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR COMPARATIVELY FEW SPACES HAS THUS FAR NOT PERMITTED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO FOREIGN APPLICANTS. (RATIO OF APPLICANTS TO AVAILABLE SLOTS IS ROUGHLY 50 TO 1.) MOREOVER, AS AMBASSADOR NOTED REFTEL, VIRTUALLY ALL MEDICAL SCHOOLS ARE EITHER PRIVATELY RUN OR ARE UNDER CONTROL OF STATES; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALMOST NO ROLE IN STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS.

2. PENDING MORE DETAILED SURVEY OF DEPT AND AID THINKING ON PROBLEM OF FOREIGN EXCLUSION FROM US MEDICAL SCHOOLS,
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AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO INFORM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THAT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES (1 DUPONT CIRCLE NW, WASHINGTON D.C. 20036) CAN SERVE AS UNOFFICIAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS TO US MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

AAMC ROUTES INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS TO US SCHOOLS AND PROVIDES INFO ABOUT US EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES. NEA/ARP

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